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failure to plan ahead. A carefully prepared and executed predeployment checklist can save you and your	
family from giant headaches in the future. It is very important for you, as a military family, to have certain	
documents in your possession. Military spouses are often required to take over the family during the	
sponsor's absence; therefore, it is important that both of you sit down together to gather information and	
documents named in this checklist. You are encouraged to keep originals or copies of all listed	
documents in a special container (safety deposit box) in a location you can find immediately and is known	
	u and the sponsor. Both of you must have access to this location.
	Marriage Certificate
📙	Birth certificates of all family members
	☐ Wife ☐ Husband ☐ Children ☐ 1 <sup>st</sup> Child ☐ 2 <sup>d</sup> Child ☐ 3 <sup>d</sup> Child ☐ 4 <sup>th</sup> Child
	Divorce Papers
	Death Certificates
	Shot records of all family members (including pets)
	Citizenship/Naturalization papers
	Adoption Papers  Passports  Visas (Remove only when needed for international travel)
	Insurance policies (Note, company, policy # and amount of payment)
	Real Estate Documents (leases, mortgages, deeds, or promissory notes)
	Copies of installment contracts and loan papers
	Current list of immediate next of kin, personal lawyer, trusted friends (include phone number and
	address
	Car Title (registration should be in car)
	Last LES (Leave and Earning Statement)
	Discharge Papers (DD Form 214)
	Allotments (Updated with correct amount, name, address, account number)
	Social Security Number of each family member
	Current address and telephone numbers of immediate family members of both spouses.
The Following Should Be Completed Prior to Deployment	
	Next of kin informed of rights, benefits, assistance available
	Family budget and business arranged (See Financial Section for Budget Worksheet)
	Emergency Data Card undated in Military Personnel Record
	Joint checking/savings account arranged (List-all account numbers)
	Parents informed of how to make contact in case of emergency (See Appendixes D, E)
	Armed Forces ID Cards (renew if ID Card expires within next 3 months. Rear Detachment
	Commander can sign for ID Replacement after soldier deploys)
	Emergency services explained and located
	☐ Red Cross ☐ Army Emergency Relief (AER) ☐ Medical Facilities/CHAMPUS
	Army Community Service (ACS) Legal Assistance Office
	Security check on house
	Problems with cars, household, and appliances identified and resolved
	Powers of Attorney
	General: Allows holder to act in all matters on sponsor's behalf.
	Special: Allows holder to act on sponsor's behalf in special transactions.
	<b>Medical:</b> Authorizes holder to obtain medical care for family members under 18 years of age.
	Wills for both spouses
	Orders
	Copy of Emergency Data Card
	List of all credit cards and account numbers
	AAFES Deferred Payment Plan (DPP), (to use, spouse must be listed as an authorized user or
	hold sponsor's General Power of Attorney).
	Federal and State Income Tax Returns (last 5 years)

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